

TAFT-SHERMAN RATIFICATION MEETING AROUSES PARTY

Republican Leaders Speak on Issues of Day—Kuhio Explains Position but Refrains from Personalities — Breckons Strikes Keynote for Assembly

There was a splendid response to the call for a Republican ratification meeting issued from the headquarters of the Delegate to Congress, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole, at less than three days' notice though it was. Aala Park contained one of the best meetings, both for size and for representative character of the great body of citizenship, which has ever assembled there. White, native and Oriental citizens of the United States were present in due proportions, and many ladies of different races graced the assembly with their countenances. The bandstand was tastefully decorated with National and Territorial flags, flanking a large portrait of President Taft over the middle opening.

Music and Oratory.

For half an hour before the speaking the Hawaiian band played selections, concluding with Hawaii Pono! and then Kaa's quintette club with a lady soloist took up its position in the stand, to give a fine line of music at intervals of the speaking. All the seating space within the stand was occupied by party leaders, prospective candidates for office and those on the speaking list, the group including veterans of campaigns extending back to the Reform constitution under the monarchy.

In general the oratory was of an excellent order, most of the speeches being commendably brief and pointed. Greatest interest, of course, centered in the address of Delegate Kalanianaʻole, which was delayed until near the end of the list. It made a decidedly good impression, both for its forthright personal statements, including a declaration of the Delegate's candidacy for renomination, and for its restrained tone in dealing with the opposition he had met.

Robert W. Breckons, as chairman, made a telling introductory speech, and his humorous introductions of the other speakers kept everybody in good humor.

Lorrin Andrews made one of the best oratorical hits of the evening. He spoke both in justification of the holding of the ratification independently of the central committee, which had ignored a precinct club's request to hold one, and in defense of the right of the Delegate to criticize any policy of the local administration, apart from the question of whether his criticism was right or otherwise.

Charles A. Cottrell gave one of the finest specimens of campaign oratory heard here in a long time, assuring for himself a welcome any time he may choose to meet a Honolulu audience.

Elder Abraham Fernandez, at the request of the chair, opened the proceedings with a brief prayer.

Party Very Much Alive.

"It is time the Democrats sat up and took notice," Chairman Breckons opened, "when there is such a gathering as is here tonight to endorse the Republican standard-bearers, and it shows that the Republican party of Hawaii is very much alive and will win a glorious victory in November next. Talk not to me that it is wrong to hold a ratification meeting. Such a time will never come, although we learn from a high authority that this ratification meeting will antagonize certain Republicans. But with a bit of prayer and some persuasion we will try and get along without the nine Roosevelt men."

Proceeding, he said that when "Land Locked" McCandless and "Soapbox" Barron talked about the Democratic party they should be asked about the tariff and Underwood's persistence for free sugar, which would drive them to the tall timber. William Howard Taft was a true friend of Hawaii and the champion of the policy of protection which had made the nation prosperous. Champions the Prince.

Mr. Andrews referred to the little band of men in the Judd building—the central committee—as thinking that the Republican party was not strong enough to hold a ratification meeting. They were there, however, as Republicans and had with them the only Republican Delegate Hawaii ever had in Congress, who had done great things for the Territory, which the speaker rapidly sketched.

In differing from the Governor on matters of policy, the Delegate was only exercising his rights according to the principles of the Republican party. The Delegate was not attacking the business interests, but was working to save our Territorial government. They came here as loyal Republicans and their purpose was to place the best ticket possible in the field and to make it victorious. He made a reference by name to members of the old guard on the platform.

R. W. Aylett was called from among the members of the band and raised a laugh by his opening remark that he had blown his horn there before. After saying it was their duty to ratify the presidential nominees and the Delegate's candidacy, he advised the voters to register and announced that he intended to run again for the Board of Supervisors.

Woodrow Wilson's Stur.

A. D. Castro was introduced as a representative of the Southern European immigrants whom Woodrow Wilson stigmatized in one of his books as the "scum of the earth."

He said he was sorry to be told that the Democratic presidential candidate held his race in such low esteem. Proceeding, he paid a high tribute to President Taft and then strongly censured the central committee for refusing to call a ratification meeting. In almost any place on the mainland such a derelict central committee would be asked to resign. Senator Cecil Brown was introduced as a business man, with the remark that the Hawaiian speaker due for next call had disappeared. This proved to be a Breckons joke, for Mr. Brown spoke in Hawaiian, advocating the endorsement of Kuhio for re-election, as he had served the Territory faithfully for many years and was well liked in Washington.

Oscar Cox was introduced as the Coroner to hold an inquest on the McCandless cause and gave a pithy talk in Hawaiian, being followed by Joel C. Cohen, who made some forcible remarks on the duty of the hour. The Bitter Waters.

Senator C. F. Chillingworth did not mince words about the inertia of the central committee and its fear of the influence of the Prince, as he put the case. For eight years the success of the party here had been due to the personality and the work of Delegate Kuhio. The central committee had tried to lead the Republi-

can party by the nose, like the Chinese did the water buffaloes in the rice fields. Mr. Chillingworth gave his hearers the motto of Kamehameha to follow, its translation being, "Forward, ye brethren, until ye drink of the bitter waters." Kuhio's backers intended to put only good men in office who would truly represent and serve the people.

George A. Davis was called up after he had privately declined to speak, and, after saying it was time some of the younger men assumed the burden and other old campaigners had long borne, asked the audience to excuse him and retired.

The Delegate's Speech.

Prince Kuhio began in modulated tones that he maintained to the end, pacing from side to side of the front as he spoke.

"If you expect to listen to a discussion by me of what has been published in the newspapers, you will be disappointed," the Delegate began. "We are here to ratify the nominations made in Chicago."

The Delegate then announced himself as a candidate for re-election to Congress, asking for a square deal as he had given the party. From the same platform, when called back to his duties in Washington, he had left his interests in their hands, they well knew with what results.

"I stand now," said the Delegate, "to fight for a policy in this Territory which is American and nothing else. For the first time in ten years I have been represented as unworthy and corrupt. Some of our citizens have considered it necessary to put up another candidate for Delegate, so that now I have not only to fight for the Republican party but for myself as well."

"I tell you that the conditions in this Territory are such that a man does not own his own soul. We have been told that the Hawaiians should be eliminated from the political life of this Territory. The Advertiser has said that we should look ahead or we will be given government by commission."

"But I tell you that government by commission will not come on account of government by the people. I have never seen any corruption here. There is more corruption in any State of the Union than you can find here. Why, there are constituencies on the mainland so bad that if you placed their corruption out there a hundred yards away, you would all run away from the smell of it."

"If commission government comes it will be because the Territory is not being administered along American lines. Since annexation not a single American family from the mainland has been settled on a homestead in these islands. Our Portuguese fellow-citizens, born and bred farmers, are unable to obtain homesteads. We have been bringing in thousands of Japanese laborers and, although I have not one word to say against the Japanese, the people over there on the mainland do not like it. The homestead laws of Hawaii are a farce, but they have not been made a farce by you or me. I am in favor of a policy of bringing people into the country who are qualified to become American citizens."

"Although my good friend, Mr. Dowsett, has withdrawn as a candidate, the fight is still on. Go to the primaries and elect good men. If you nominate me, I'll then have much more to say."

Prince Kuhio then spoke in Hawaiian to practically the same effect. Hawaii and Protection.

Mr. Cottrell, in the course of his address, expressed amazement that anybody in Hawaii should support the Democratic policy of tariff for revenue, which meant free trade. He expatiated on the prosperity of these islands, bound up as it was with protection to sugar. In referring to the charge that the Taft nomination was stolen, he said the contests

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John C. Lane was the last speaker. He criticized the sale of Punchbowl lots, as depriving many holders thereof of their homesteads.

headquarters tonight to receive reports from precinct leaders and to discuss plans for the campaign.

"The meeting last night certainly shows where the strength of the Republican party in the Territory lies," said Joel Cohen this morning. "While I am not with the Progressives, I did not see where the mention of Taft's name won anything from the audience last night."

"I was unable to attend the meeting last night," said C. K. Nottley of the Home Rule party this morning, "but I would have spoken in behalf of Kuhio had I been there."

"Collector Cottrell made a serious error in his speech last night, when he said that Woodrow Wilson had spoken of the Portuguese as the 'scum of Southern Europe,'" said M. C. Pacheco, chairman of the Democratic central committee, this morning. "I told him if he could prove his statement I would sign the Republican roll."

There will be a meeting at Kuhio

MURRAY SPEAKS ON DANCE HALLS

"That dance-hall ordinance drafted weeks ago is in the hands of the police committee, of which I am chairman," admitted Murray at a meeting of the city and county supervisors held last night.

In response to an inquiry launched by Low, who desired to learn the probable fate of the ordinance, which if passed would have to do with the regulation of dance halls and other evil resorts in the city, Murray denied that the ordinance still rested in the office of the city and county attorney's department.

"I want this ordinance to pass before the board," insisted Low, "as we expect to hear from a number of prominent workers in the local humane society, who are anxious that it pass and become a law."

It has been many weeks since the

original copy of the draft of an ordinance which was designed to regulate dance halls and dives was introduced by Supervisor Low. From the attitude manifested by several city fathers last night, there is a possibility that the ordinance may yet see the light of day.

MORE NEW PICTURES AT HAWAII TONIGHT

Judging from the precedent established at this cozy semi-open-air theater the standing-room sign will be in evidence again tonight when five new first-run pictures will be put on the screen.

Manager Noyes and his associates are justly proud of the patronage they are receiving and are showing their appreciation by putting on the best films obtainable. Tonight's pictures will include "When the World Sleeps," "Baseball and Bloomers," "Dream Dances; Revenge Is Sweet," and the "Ranger's Girls."

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